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## 319th Air Refueling Wing

**Mission:** The 319th Air Refueling Wing is the finest combat air mobility wing in the world's greatest air and space force.

**Vision:** To be the best at everything we do!



**Air Refueling**

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Jan. 9 - Jan. 15

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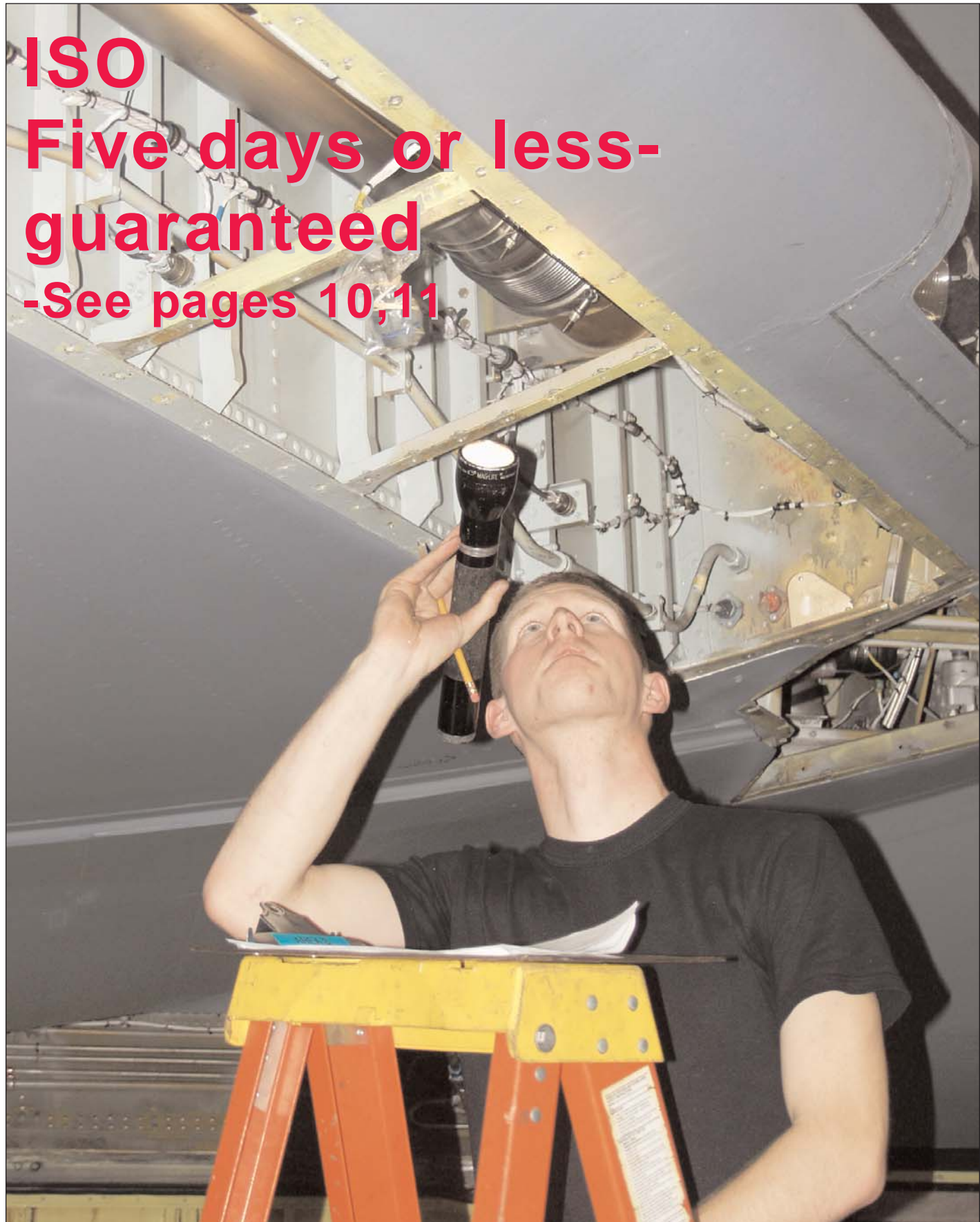
**Air Land**

Week of  
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**78%**

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Five days or less-  
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# Tanker maintenance: 40 years, still going strong

**By Col. Michael Saville and Lt. Col. Micahel England,**  
319th Maintenance Group commander and deputy commander

A milestone in the history of the KC-135 occurred Jan. 12. It was forty years ago on that day that the Boeing Corporation delivered the last KC-135 Stratotanker to the Air Force. Since then, the tanker has gone through many modifications to extend its lifespan. Today the KC-135 provides 90 percent of the Air Force's combat refueling capability. Now that there are no KC-135s in the fleet less than 40 years old, this warhorse has the oldest average fleet age of any Air Force combat aircraft. Keeping these aging giants in the air is becoming more challenging with each passing year. However, the maintenance professionals of the 319 MXG prove on a daily basis that they are up to the task.

A core of maintenance personnel, many who were not even born when the KC-135 was fielded, take great pride in assuring mission success and they do this 24/7 all over the world in every type of weather imaginable. The mainstay of mission readiness here is the team effort embodied in our motto, "GEAR up!" This motto stands for Generating Excellence in Aircraft Readiness and the "One Team, One Fight" ideology that all "Warriors of the North" embrace.

Not only are we faced with maintaining an aging aircraft, since 9/11 we

are experiencing record operations tempo for both aircraft and personnel. To successfully meet the challenges of today's world, we rely heavily on a solid foundation of preventive and scheduled maintenance combined with continuous personnel training. The Maintenance Group has adopted the philosophy of finding and fixing maintenance problems before they arise and addressing them before they can develop into significant problems.

There are several programs in place that will ensure we have the jets to fly tomorrow's mission. One such program is the Isochronal Inspection processes accomplished by the Maintenance Squadron. This in-depth inspection happens every 600 flying hours or 365 calendar days, which ever comes first. During the course of five days, 20 personnel will spend 1,600 labor hours to inspect, repair, or remove and replace parts as necessary before returning the aircraft to flying status.

Faced with an ever-increasing operations tempo and the numerous high-corrosive environments our jets are subjected to for extended periods, corrosion is one enemy that could bring the fleet to its knees. The Wing leadership takes corrosion prevention very seriously and last year funded a complete "corrosion control" program that ensures our aircraft are kept clean of corrosives.

Another key in maintaining the health of the fleet is our refurbishment

program, which is dedicated to bolstering aircraft appearance and correcting nagging problems in the cockpit that detract from the crew's ability to function efficiently. This 45-day program is held in such high regard that more than \$20,000 in parts and materials and 2,500 labor-hours are dedicated to each jet. We see the appearance of our aircraft as an indicator of our organization's overall pride and attitude. It has been our experience that when the aircraft are well kept, it establishes the expectation for excellence that permeates throughout the group.

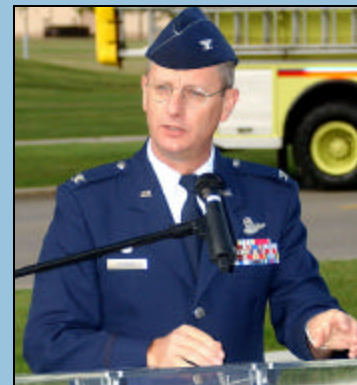
Utilization rate — how well we use our jets — is another factor that enables the MXG to meet its flying requirements. Our schedulers, assigned to the Maintenance Operations Squadron, have mastered the act of evenly balancing the number of hours each aircraft flies. This allows us to

maximize the use of each aircraft between periodic inspections. This has been made increasingly difficult with the interdiction of the Block-40 modification. Maintenance and Ops schedulers are continuing to work diligently to ensure both Block-30 and Block-40 jets maintain an acceptable utilization rate.

As the KC-135 ages, training of maintenance personnel becomes even more important to ensure we have highly-skilled personnel capable of keeping the aircraft mission capable in order to meet the flying requirements.

Other factors that play into our ability to fly are time-tested aircraft management practices. Cannibalization (CANN) has become a necessity in aircraft maintenance.

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**Col. Mark Ramsay**  
319th Air Refueling Wing  
commander

## Action Line

Call 747-4522 or E-mail  
[commandersactionline@grandforks.af.mil](mailto:commandersactionline@grandforks.af.mil)

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base. For questions about current events or rumors, leave a message.

Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

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**Consecutive DWI-free days**

Goal is zero DWIs.

## THE LEADER Warriors of the North



Photo by Airman 1st Class James Croxon

**Cover: Airman 1st Class Nicholas LaBreck, 319th Maintenance Squadron, inspects the hydraulic lines for the wing flaps on a KC-135. See Pages 10-11 to learn how wing maintainers tune up a 40-year-old aircraft in five days or less.**

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# Saving money one tax form at a time

*Base tax center is a free, convenient IRS solution*

**By Capt. Robert Beyler**  
319th Legal Office

It's tax time again and there are people here to help you. The base tax center opens Jan. 31 behind Fast Eddies in the community activities center.

Over the years, the tax center has provided a great deal of assistance to our base community. The center helps people quickly file their federal returns and, in many cases, receive a refund within a few weeks. Best of all, it's free!

Last year the tax center saved base community members more than \$200,000 in preparation and electronic filing fees. Commercial tax preparation services typically charge between \$10 and \$60 to pre-

pare and electronically file an individuals' federal and state tax returns. This is money you save by using the base tax center.

If someone decides to use this service, it's important they bring all the required paperwork to their appointment: W-2s, a voided check (to set up direct deposit), a completed federal tax return questionnaire, social security numbers and birth dates for all family members, 1099s, if applicable, and all other supporting papers.

The tax center provides free electronic filing services to all active duty members, dependents, retirees and any person eligible for legal assistance. Walk-ins are welcome for all members filing a 1040EZ. All others require an appointment.

Blank federal and state forms are also available for those who wish to complete their own tax returns.

Everyone can use some extra cash, so why wait? Check out what the tax center has to offer.

## Open for business

The base tax center opens Jan. 31 behind Fast Eddies coffee shop in the community activities center .

The hours are:

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

1 to 7:30 p.m.

**Fridays**

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To make an appointment or for details call the base tax center at 747-3473.

# Vice commander highlights upcoming months

**By Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke**  
Public affairs

Jogging pants, sweatshirts and shorts, aren't what you usually see at a commander's call, but base members wore them on very chilly Jan. 14.

Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, had some "big rocks" or important information, for base Warriors during the vice commander's call that kicked off Warrior Wingman Winter Workout day.

Colonel Reese started by announcing tobacco use would be banned in the dormitories starting March 1.

"If I could, I would stop the sale of tobacco products on base," said Colonel Reese. "If I could ban smoking in base houses, I would. If I could make the base a tobacco-free base, I would do it

today ... but I can't. What I can do is take tobacco out of the dorms."

"If we just talked about illness and death from tobacco use it's like a health lottery," added Lt. Col. Rob Steed, 319th Medical Operations Squadron commander, who spoke to the assembled group at Colonel Reese's request. "Everybody probably knows someone who lived into their 80s or 90s and probably smoked every day of their life. For every one of those people, there is someone who died in their 40s and 50s. If you only want to live that long then there is no rational reason to quit, other than that death is going to be extremely painful for you."

After the tobacco announcement, Colonel Reese sent more big rocks into the crowd.

"We are rebuilding the runway because we kept doing spot fixes and our runway didn't comply with Federal Aviation Administration and Air Force standards," said Colonel Reese.

The initial construction begins in March, with runway closure expected from May through October. A final decision on locations for the wing's aircraft during the closure is expected in February.

Safety was also a big rock in the commander's call.

"We need to be safe," said Colonel Reese. "You're Air Force assets for one thing, and we care about you."

To highlight safety, travel and force protection conditions are posted at the main gate. Base members were encouraged to call the Snow Line at 747-SNOW. Fire safety was also stressed,

especially in light of a fire that recently damaged some vehicles and a garage unit here.

"Fortunately we didn't hurt any people or lose any housing units," he said.

Before releasing the base for the rest of W4 day, Colonel Reese threw the biggest rock, announcing Colonel Ramsay's departure in March. Colonel Ramsay, who is currently deployed, will become the Chief, Mobility Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, at the Pentagon in Washington. Replacing him will be Col. William Bender who is currently the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force vice commander, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

"We'll be losing a great commander and gaining a great commander," said Colonel Reese.





## Warrior Wingman Winter Workout

*Photo by Airman 1st Class James Croxon*

A unique event that debuted during W4 day was the we-did-o-rod in which four team members were the “dogs” and one person was the rider.



*Photo by Airman 1st Class James Croxon*



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke*

Members of the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron play a game of dodgeball in the fitness center during W4 day. Units conducted a variety of fitness activities such as volleyball, basketball and other aerobic exercises.

(Left) Smooshing teams competed against each other to earn points used to determine the winner of W4 day.



*Photo by Airman 1st Class James Croxon*

Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, does the running portion of his fitness test early Jan. 14.

### W4 Day highlights

Warrior Wingman Winter Workout began early Jan. 14 with members of wing leadership taking their fitness test. The vice commanders’ call and unit physical fitness activities followed soon afterward.

The fun didn’t stop after all the unit fitness activities were complete. Despite the sub-zero temperatures, base members participated in other events to determine the winner of the W4 day activities.

The we-did-o-rod and smooshing were the events for competition.

We-did-o-rod (photo top left) is a human version of the Iditarod. Instead of dogs pulling the sled it was four Airmen.

Smooshing (photo bottom left) challenged three teams of four people to race on skis. The skis were two eight-foot long 2x4s, and the racers were attached to the boards with rope.

### W4 Day Winners

At the end of the day, the 319th Maintenance Operations Squadron took first place, with the 911th Air Refueling Squadron in second and the 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron took third place.



# News Briefs

## Public Notice

**Availability of environmental assessment and draft finding of no significant impact for stormwater control and devices Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.**

Pursuant to the regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force has conducted an environmental assessment of the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with implementing a proposed stormwater control and device improvements here.

The Air Force proposes to construct flow control structures within the embankments of all four stormwater ditches here. The structures would consist of a barrier (earthen or concrete) extending between the two slopes of a ditch. A pipe would be installed in the barrier with head gates or valves that could be operated manually by emergency personnel to prevent the off-base discharge of potentially environmentally harmful liquids.

Based on the environmental assessment, it was determined the proposed action would result in no significant impact to the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not

required and a draft finding of no significant impact has been prepared.

In accordance with Air Force regulations, a finding of no practicable alternative has also been prepared for minor wetland impacts. The draft final environmental assessment and draft finding of no significant impact/no practicable alternative are available for review and comment for 30 days, through Feb. 22, at the Grand Forks Public Library, 772-8116, and at the base library.

If you have any questions or comments please call the public affairs officer at 747-5023; or e-mail [pa@grandforks.af.mil](mailto:pa@grandforks.af.mil)

The Air Mobility Command vice commander reviews all comments received by that deadline before making a decision to sign the final finding of no significant impact.

## Holiday Financial Recovery Seminar

A financial recovery seminar is being held Jan. 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the family support center. This seminar helps members get thier finances back on track. Topics include paying off debts, planning for the year and creating a financial plan. It also focuses on debt reduction tips. For reservations or details call 747-3241 or 747-6437.

## Free Pancake Breakfast

A free pancake breakfast is 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Square. The breakfast is open to everyone, especially families of deployed Warriors. Children`s activities are planned and information on base activities and programs for spouses of deployed members is available.

For details call public affairs at 747-5023.

## Base celebrates leader's life

**The base celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on a cold Jan. 12 evening at the Northern Lights Club.**

**(Right) Marvin Grays, an actor with the Mixed Blood Theater Company, plays the part of Doctor King in his one-man show about Doctor King's life.**



*Photos by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke*

# Commentary

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If a part is not readily available through supply, that part can be removed from one jet and installed on another to meet mission requirements. However this practice, if left unmanaged, leads to increased workload, decreased mission capability which equates to lower aircraft availability. At Grand Forks we routinely have the lowest CANN rates among the super tanker wings. That statistic serves as a testament to the maintenance discipline carried out by personnel from the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. They have learned to balance the fine mix of mission requirements, maintenance capabilities, and risk involved in the CANN process. Because of our well-balanced and well-controlled program, we have experienced an increase in overall mission capability.

Delayed discrepancies are defined as a defect or problem that is considered flyable but that maintenance can not fix right away. It is another process that the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is exceptionally good at managing. There are many reasons why a discrepancy can go unfixed; lack of parts, maintenance time, and hold for home station are the main three. With record-setting numbers of flying hours and deployments, it is becoming increasingly difficult to schedule downtime for aircraft. However, because of experience, long-range planning and foresight, we have been able to consistently record the lowest delayed discrepancy rates among the super tanker wings.

At the end of the day, it is all about mission capable rates and the ability to provide safe, reliable aircraft for our aircrews to complete the mission. It takes a total team effort, and the men and women of the AMXS, MXS, MOS and the LRS have done an outstanding job in this area. The AMC standard is



Photo .by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyrrell

**Airman 1st Class Kevin Rondeau, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshals a KC-135 for take-off during an exercise in December 2004.**

85 percent for this metric and the 319 ARW leads all other KC-135 units in beating the standard for the past five consecutive months despite our chilling winter conditions. As Col. Lee DeRemer, 319 Operations Group commander, says when it comes to our performance this winter, “Anybody can fly and fix airplanes in mild weather but it takes Warriors of the North to do it here.”

Now that you have an idea what it takes to maintain the KC-135, you might be wondering what the

future holds for this tried and true airframe. There are ongoing debates in Washington, D.C., regarding if and when the Air Force will see a new refueling platform. Currently the KC-135 is projected to be in service until 2040. At that rate, the last maintainer for the KC-135 hasn’t even been born yet. Regardless though, you can rest assured the men and women of the 319 MXG stand ready to provide safe, reliable, mission capable aircraft for the wing’s aircrews. GEAR up!



When maintainers aren't able to get stripped screws out they mark them and call the structural maintenance technicians.

In addition to assisting in the removal of panels, they also fabricate new panels, when existing ones are too damaged or corroded to be used again.

If they are called upon to fabricate new panels, they can make a finished panel in time for the maintainers to install before the five day ISO schedule is done. The panels used on the KC-135 are more than just bent pieces of aluminum.

They are a layered aluminum alloy with hollow cores to reduce weight.

The majority of panels removed from the aircraft can be reused, since the lack of salt use in North Dakota reduces the amount of corrosion.



Photos by Airman 1st Class James Croxon

**Airman 1st Class Jake Jimenez removes a panel from the boom of a KC-135. Structural maintenance troops work on aircraft removing striped screws and making panels to replace damaged ones.**

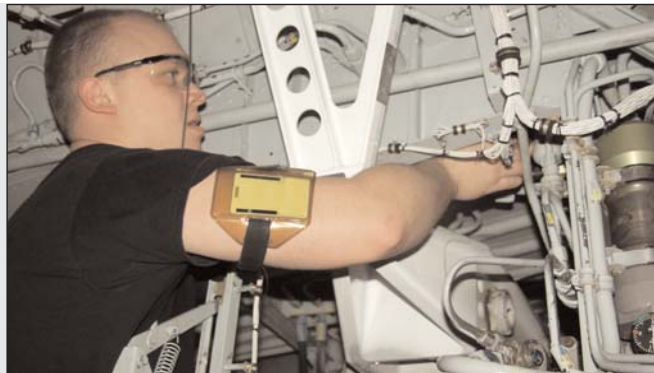
The KC-135 is a sophisticated weapon system that uses hydraulics to perform its mission.

Hydraulics assist in flight, lowering the landing gear and operating the most important part of the aircraft -- the boom.

Airmen with the MXS' hydraulics flight are responsible for inspecting those systems.

Once the panels are removed, hydraulics troops reach inside the cavities, which are sometimes quite small, and check for leaking or crimped hoses.

All the work done is



**Senior Airman Brandon Giles inspects hydraulic hoses near the landing gear of a KC-135 Stratotanker.**

checked and rechecked before it is signed off.

Five-level apprentices work with new Airmen to provide their OJT training.

Once a task is completed, a seven-level journeyman checks the work and signs off on it, keeping well-trained Airmen available.

## 'Lean' approach cuts the fat

In October the 319 Maintenance Squadron instituted a new program for the ISO process.

Lean, first implemented by Japanese auto makers, is a philosophy of doing routine processes, especially industrial processes, more efficiently.

For the ISO process, Lean is implemented in many ways.

On Monday morning the ISO hangar has a KC-135 ready for inspection. Aerospace ground equipment is already on hand to give power as needed.

Instead of checking out a tool, working for a moment, checking back in the tool and then checking out another, all the tools needed for a particular job are out and ready.

This thinking applies to more in MXS than ISO. "If you look around you'll see Lean implemented everywhere," said Maj. David M. Haar, 319th MXS commander. "The office staff, maintainers and other Airmen participate in the Lean program. It basically allows us to utilize the limited resources we have in the most efficient manner."

According to Major Haar, Grand Forks is the lead KC-135 base in Air Mobility Command for the "Lean" program.

So far Lean has proven it's worth. According to Capt. Jason Schafer, 319 MXS maintenance operations officer, what used to take ISO seven days or more to complete now takes five or less.

# ISO keeps KC-135 airborne

## At 50 years old, maintainers work hard to keep KC-135s flying

**By Airman 1st Class James Croxon**  
Public affairs

The KC-135 stratotanker number 63-7987 first rolled out of the Wichita Boeing plant in June of 1963. It has flown over 17,452 hours supporting all contingencies from Vietnam to Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was on alert during the Cold War at KI Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich. and it's scheduled to support the Air Force until 2040. But do we maintain 63-7987 as a modern weapon system?

Every year 63-7987 goes into the 319th Maintenance Squadron's isochronal hangar for inspection, lubrication and repair from top to bottom.

Once in ISO, it is divided into four zones. Zone one is the cockpit, zone two and three are the left and right wings and zone four is the rear of the aircraft.

Each zone has different technical orders listing what needs to be done. Ten different MXS shops then cooperate to get 63-7987 torn down, repaired and fully mission capable again in only five days.

"We are participating in what's called the "Lean" program, which helps us to use our time most efficiently," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Chytka, an ISO inspection craftsman. "If we see something that might require extra work, we hit that first. If we're waiting on a part we move to another area of the aircraft so there is no down time."

By Monday morning 63-7987, scheduled for ISO, is already rolled into the hangar. Wing racks are in place and checklists are in cabinets for the crews to work from. Each zone has all the tools and equipment near-

by with aerospace ground equipment ready to provide power as needed.

The Airmen of the MXS work two shifts with the afternoon shift simply picking up where the day shift left off. Even with a large percentage of the squadron deployed, they seldom deviate from the five-day turn around.

Airmen find parts that need to be replaced, they refer to technical orders to find the part number and order it. "The TOs have about 95 percent of the parts in them," said Sergeant Chytka. To find information on the other five percent they refer to Mr. Ky Johnson, a Boeing engineer assigned to the base. He has the complete drawings of the aircraft and resources to find those parts.

By bringing different specialties together in one space, Airmen of the 319th MXS are able to do the amazing: tear-down and rebuild 63-7987 to maintain it as a modern weapon system in five days.



**Staff Sgt. Matthew Wahl loosens a stuck fan duct actuator. Jet engine mechanics like him inspect, lubricate, and repair, engines during annual isochronal inspections.**

the engine much like a surgeon would inspect a patient orthoscopically.

Without these sophis-

ticated tools, the inspection of an engine would not be possible in the five-day ISO process.



**Senior Airman James Boswell inputs measurements into a milling machine to make a part for a KC-135. Machinists make parts that aren't in stock through the various suppliers.**

If maintenance crews need a part and can't get it on time or can't find it, they call upon the metals tech section to make it.

By using milling machines, lathes, grinders and other machines they are able to make parts identical to the originals within extremely close tolerances.

Through the use of special furnaces they can produce parts with various durabilities as required.

It takes metal tech Airmen an average of one and a half hours to program the milling machines to make a part. Once the part is programmed they anchor a blank of steel within the machine. The machine automatically cuts and lubricates the part and a few hours later the maintainers are able to place it in the aircraft.



**Staff Sgt. Austin Hetland, a fuel system journeyman, inspects the zero tank on a KC-135. He is wearing new coveralls that protect against static buildup and fuel spills.**

Electrical and environmental specialists work on these systems on the aircraft.

They inspect the landing gear, electronic engine controls, ignition and starting, lighting, cabin pressure and air conditioning. They work hand-in-hand with crew chiefs during the inspection process.

When crew chiefs remove panels and inspect for corrosion, electrical and environmental troops inspect additional components.

They also work with jet engine mechanics to

test the critical electrical and exhaust systems within the engines.

If problems are found during inspection, electro/environmental Airmen determine the severity of the problem and implement corrective actions.

Like other maintainers they follow technical orders to ensure every system scheduled for inspection is looked at.

They often talk with the base Boeing engineer if an encountered problem isn't found in the TOs and determine the next step.



**Staff Sgt. Jeramie Broadway, a specialist with the electrical and environmental section, inspects cables in the floor of a KC-135.**



**Crew chief Senior Airman David Stai manually lowers flaps during an ISO inspection.**

chiefs check for air worthiness for a mission, ISO crew chiefs inspect for problems that happen months down the road.



## Base chapel

### CATHOLIC:

**Sunday Mass:** 9 a.m. Sunflower Chapel.

**Weekday Mass:**

11:30 a.m.,

Monday,

Wednesday and

Thursday,

Sunflower Chapel

**Reconciliation:**

8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, Sunflower

Chapel, or by

appointment by calling 747-5673.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine,**

**Adult Education, Rite of Christian**

**Initiation of Adults and Sacramental**

**Programs:** Classes start at 11 a.m. Sunday at Twining Elementary School.

For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

### PROTESTANT:

**Traditional Worship:** 11 a.m. Sunday,

Sunflower Chapel.

**Contemporary Worship:** 6 p.m. Sunday,

Prairie Rose Chapel.

**Men of the Chapel Bible Study:** noon

Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

**Young Adults:** 6 p.m., Friday, Chaplain

Swain's home, call 747-4359 for details.

**Women's Bible Study:** 7 p.m., Monday,

Prairie Rose conference room.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel:** 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, youth center.

**Protestant Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

### JEWISH:

Call B'nai Israel Synagogue at 775-5124.

**MUSLIM, BUDDHIST,  
ORTHODOX, OTHER:**

For details call 747-5673.



## Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

***Flight of the Phoenix* (PG-13)**

A group of air crash survivors are stranded in the Mongolian desert with no chance of rescue. Facing a brutal environment, dwindling resources, and an attack by desert smugglers, they realize their only hope is doing the impossible, building a new plane from the wreckage of the old one.



Saturday, 7 p.m.

***Closer* (R)**

An uncompromisingly honest look at modern relationships, "Closer" is the story of four strangers and their chance meetings, instant attractions, and brutal betrayals. Based on a play by Patrick Marber, the couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweet-heart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

***Lemony Snicket's A Series Of Unfortunate Events* (PG)**

When a mysterious fire burns down their house and kills their parents, Klaus (Liam Aiken), Violet (Emily Browning), and Sunny (Kara and Shelby Hoffman) are sent to live with a scheming relative, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey), who has designs on their inheritance.

Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

***Spanglish* (PG-13)**

A Mexican woman named Flor (Paz Vega) and her 12-year-old daughter move in with an American family when she's hired on as their housekeeper. Flor doesn't speak English, so she has difficulty communicating with John (Adam Sandler), an award-winning chef married to Deborah (Téa Leoni), an account executive who left her work to be a stay-at-home mom.

**Tickets: \$1.75 children,  
\$3.50 adults. For details  
call 747-3021/6123**

## Local Area

The holidays are over and New Year's resolutions are still fresh. If getting outside and being active is one of those resolutions, there are a number of events across the state to help you stay on task.

### Winter Days

West Fargo, N.D.

(Friday and Saturday)

There will be many family events such as sleigh rides, dance, chili cook-off and snow golf are held in Elmwood Park and the Veteran's Memorial Arena. A grand finale event begins at 6 p.m. Saturday with food, entertainment and a fireworks display.

For details call 701-282-6530; or online at [www.wfparke.org](http://www.wfparke.org).

### Arctic Blast

Harvey, N.D.

(Jan. 28-29)

Join in some winter fun by playing in the snow. Try your hands at building a snow sculpture or by entering the chili cook-off or the home-made ice cream contest. Other events include a volleyball tournament, basketball tournament, fire works and a fireman's luau.

For details call 701-324-2604; or online at [www.harveynd.com](http://www.harveynd.com).

### Fishing Tournament

Devils Lake, N.D.

(Jan. 29)

The 21st annual event sponsored by the Devils Lake Volunteer Fire Department, takes place on the ice from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is

Thursday and Jan. 28 at the Memorial Building and the cost is \$25.

This is a nonprofit contest. Proceeds are used for the Devils Lake City Volunteer Fire Department and charitable needs in the greater Devils Lake area.

For details call 701-662-3913; or online at [www.dlvfdicefishingtourney.com](http://www.dlvfdicefishingtourney.com).

### Frosty Bobber Winter Carnival

East Grand Forks/Grand Forks.

(Jan. 29)

This annual event features a fishing tournament, cardboard sled races, cross country skiing and concessions. For details call 218-773-9565.

### Youth Snowmobile Safety Course

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department offers a snowmobile safety course in the University Park meeting room in Grand Forks Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

Upon completion of the course and exam, students receive a Snowmobile safety certificate. This courses license youth ages 12 to 16, who do not possess a valid drivers license.

Pre-register for classes by calling (701) 328- 5357.

### North Dakota Events

For details on other state events go to [www.ndtourism.com](http://www.ndtourism.com), call 800-435-5663 or 701-328-2525.

# Community

## Today

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES SPECIALS

Don't miss out on an opportunity to save on framing. All pre-paid framing order fees will be 20 percent off until Saturday (order to be placed and paid for during the week).

## Saturday

### BOOK CLUB MEETING: 'DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE'

The next book club meeting will be at 10 a.m. at the base library. The book "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende will be discussed. There is no cost. All adults are encouraged to participate.

For details call the base library at 747-3046.

## Sunday

### SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH

Enjoy the Northern Lights Club Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$11.25 for adults, \$7.25 for children 5 to 12 and children four and under eat free.

## Monday

### CHESS TOURNAMENT

A chess tournament for youth ages 9 to 12 is at 5:30 p.m. today. The tournament is free for members and \$1 for non-members. For details call the youth center at 747-3150.

### ESC SOCIAL EVENT

It's cold outside, stay warm and bundle up with the enlisted spouses club at 6 p.m. at the community activities center. The ESC will provide warm beverages. Members are encouraged to bring something warm to eat or anything they would like to share. They are making fleece baby blankets to donate to the family support center, so bring scissors, tape and a measuring tape.

For details e-mail enlistedspousesclub@yahoo.com or call Sarah Bloch at 610-6189.

## Tuesday

### TEENS NIGHT OUT

A teens night out for ages 13 to 18 is Jan. 29. from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Liberty Square. There will be skating, dancing, basketball, movies, pizza and sodas. Cost is \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members. Sign-up by today.

## Wednesday

### ICE FISHING TRIP

Join outdoor recreation for a day of ice fishing at an area lake Jan. 29. Cost is \$10 per person. Participants need to dress for the weather and bring something to eat and drink. The price does not include a fishing license. Call outdoor recreation at 747-3688 for reservations.

### CRAFT CLASSES

There is the snowman jar cover class from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 plus supplies. To pre-register call 747-3482.

### SKI EXPRESS

Need time to reflect? Ski Andes Tower in Alexandria, Minn., Jan. 29. Call outdoor recreation at 747-3688 for reservations.

## Upcoming

### FAST EDDIES COUPON BOOKLETS

Are you in need of the perfect gift for a cold day? Purchase a pre-paid coupon booklet for mocha, latte/cappuccino or a variety pack for that special someone. While you're there, try out one of five delicious coffee drinks.

### BUILD A CAREER AT HOME WITH A JOB YOU LOVE

For details on becoming a family childcare provider call the family childcare office at 747-3158.

### BOXES FOR SALE

Moving? Outdoor recreation has a variety of boxes for sale. Current sizes/prices are:

- ☐ small – \$1.30
- ☐ medium – \$2.00
- ☐ large – \$2.40
- ☐ dish pack – \$7.50
- ☐ wardrobe – \$8.80
- ☐ hanger bar – \$1.40.

Visit outdoor recreation for your boxes today. For details call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

### ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT

Let outdoor recreation supply all your ice fishing needs. They have two- and four-person portable ice shanties, 10" ice augers and portable propane heaters. For details call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

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## WELLNESS TIP

### Don't slip up

**Slipping on ice is the leading source of work-related injury on Air Force bases between December and March.**

- ▶ Slips occur most often on sidewalks and in parking lots
- ▶ Accounts for up to 60% of falls at Air Mobility Command bases during winter
- ▶ In AMC, 15% of on-duty mishaps (in 2003) involved slips on ice
- ▶ Total AMC costs for slips on ice: **\$41,900**

**To avoid slips, clear walkways and stairs, use salt prior to icing, and salt and sand after icing**

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

Infographic by TSgt. Mark Diamond



## Community

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### – COMMUNITY from page 13 **ARE YOU 'TOPS IN BLUE' TALENTED**

Do you have what it takes for Tops in Blue, one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind? Get involved in the talent search for this famous Air Force group which has performed around the globe. Pick up an application form at the community activities center. Applications are due to San Antonio, Texas, by Feb. 4.

For details call the community activities center at 747-6104.

### **SKI MONTANA**

Grab your snowboard or skis and

head to Bridger Bowl Ski Resort in Montana Feb. 21-26.

Cost is \$325 per person and includes three full days skiing with hotel accommodations and transportation. Registration deadline is Feb. 10 and space is limited. For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

### **BABY BUNDLE KNITTERS, CROCHETERS NEEDED**

Want to volunteer for something worthwhile but you don't have the time during the day? Do you love to crochet or knit? Well, here is an opportunity to do both.

The family support center supplies

the yarn, you supply the talent. Call or come by the family support center and find out how you can give some of your talent to help support the Baby Bundles Program.

For details call Ms. Peggy Walker at the family support center at 747-3241.

### **HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT... THEN SHOW IT!**

Surprise your friends or colleagues with a "Singing Telegram by Lilly." Choose from three packages starting at \$20. A balloon and chippers are included in the prices. Extras such as a Fast Eddies coffee mug can be added.

Also, stop by the community center

for Valentine's Day specials like 50 percent off all gift baskets.

For details call the community activities center at 747-6104.

### **OSC BOOKKEEPER OPENING**

The Officers Spouses' Club has an opening for a bookkeeper. The bookkeeper is responsible for recording transactions of the local thrift shop, reconciling sales for consignees, preparing monthly income statements and various other duties.

An accounting or bookkeeping background is highly desired. Call the thrift shop at 747-3136 or Cheri Gillen at 594-8226 for an application.

# SFS wins thriller, championship

By Staff Sgt. Monte Volk  
Public affairs

The 319th Security Forces Squadron beat the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron team in two games 66-61 and 50-49 Tuesday night to claim the intramural basketball championship title.

The SFS team became the first in recent memory to come from the loser's bracket and win the base title.

"No team has done that in at least the past four years," said D.J. Lemelle, CES coach.

In the first game, CES held a six-point halftime edge. Facing elimination, SFS battled back to tie the game and send it into overtime, where the see-saw battle continued. As the extra period expired, the two teams were tied again. In the second overtime, SFS gained the edge and held on for a 66-61 victory.

"In my 16 years of coaching, I have never been a part of a military game where both teams battled so hard," said Coach Lemelle. "Every player that stepped on that basketball court played with passion, heart and desire to compete, which in this day and age is rare to see."

Latrell "Butta" Ball led the way for SFS with 27 points. 5'10" James "High-Flyin" Guthrie threw down 18 points including four rim-rocking, crowd-roaring dunks. Frederick "Long-Distance" Quick added 12 points, including three from downtown, and Brian "Too-Tall" Holas chipped in six points.

CES was led by Adonis "Da Kid" Ball who poured in 21 points. Jason "Indiana" Jones and Josh "3D" Ross each added 17 points, and Adonis "Big Gunna" Prince chipped in four points.

## Game Two

The second game mirrored the first with the chills, thrills and excitement of a championship game. Tired, battered and bruised, both teams played hard for 40 minutes.

The first half saw CES take it to SFS and build a 10-point lead. SFS fought back, and Guthrie hit a game-changing 25-footer at the halftime buzzer to pull SFS within five points, 28-23.

SFS turned up the heat in the second half as they threw a three-quarter court trap on CES and forced four consecu-



Photos by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

**James "High-Flyin" Guthrie, 319th Security Forces Squadron, grabs a rebound during the intramural basketball championships Tuesday night.**

tive turnovers to take a 38-37 lead. SFS stretched their lead to five points, but CES' Ball and Jones brought them back to knot the game up.

In the end, it was too much SFS and "Butta" Ball. "Butta" grabbed an offensive rebound with 3.8 seconds left in the game and was fouled on the put back. With 2.8 seconds remaining "Butta" stepped to the line. CES tried to ice him by using their three remaining timeouts but "Butta" drained one of two, giving SFS the 50-49 victory.

SFS was led again by "Butta" Ball with 25 points. Guthrie added 13 points and Quick chipped in six points. CES was paced by Jones with 17 points. Ball added seven points and Prince and Thompson chipped in six a piece.

"Latrell Ball's performance tonight was sensational," said coach Lemelle. "He put his team on his back and did the little things to win the championship. It was a great performance."



**James "High-Flyin" Guthrie slams in a crowd-pleasing dunk.**

## Intramural standings

### Bowling

MXS	88-48
911th ARS	88-48
LRS "A"	87-49
AMXS	84-52
COMM "B"	82-54
MSS	79-57
COMM "A"	76-60
LRS "B"	76-60
905th ARS	72-64
LRS "C"	64-72
MED GROUP	62-74
CES	60-76
SVS	58-78
COMPTROLLERS	56-80
SFS	52-84

Current as of Wednesday

### Basketball



Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

**Col. Scott Reese, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Danny Holwerda, 319th Air Refueling Wing command chief, congratulate Ivan Mitchell for winning the three point shoot out contest during halftime of the intramural basketball championship.**

